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I. FEDERAL LEGISLATION

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION

H.R. 9094. Mr. Dunn. To Ways and Means Committee, January 21.

To authorize the expenditure of \$65,000,000,000 within the next ten years for public works for flood prevention, forest conservation, soil conservation, stream purification, housing, schools, rural electrification, and the development of natural resources. Such public works are to be designed to relieve unemployment. A committee of at least five is to be appointed by the President to devise means to secure the money to carry out the provisions of the act.

FLOOD CONTROL

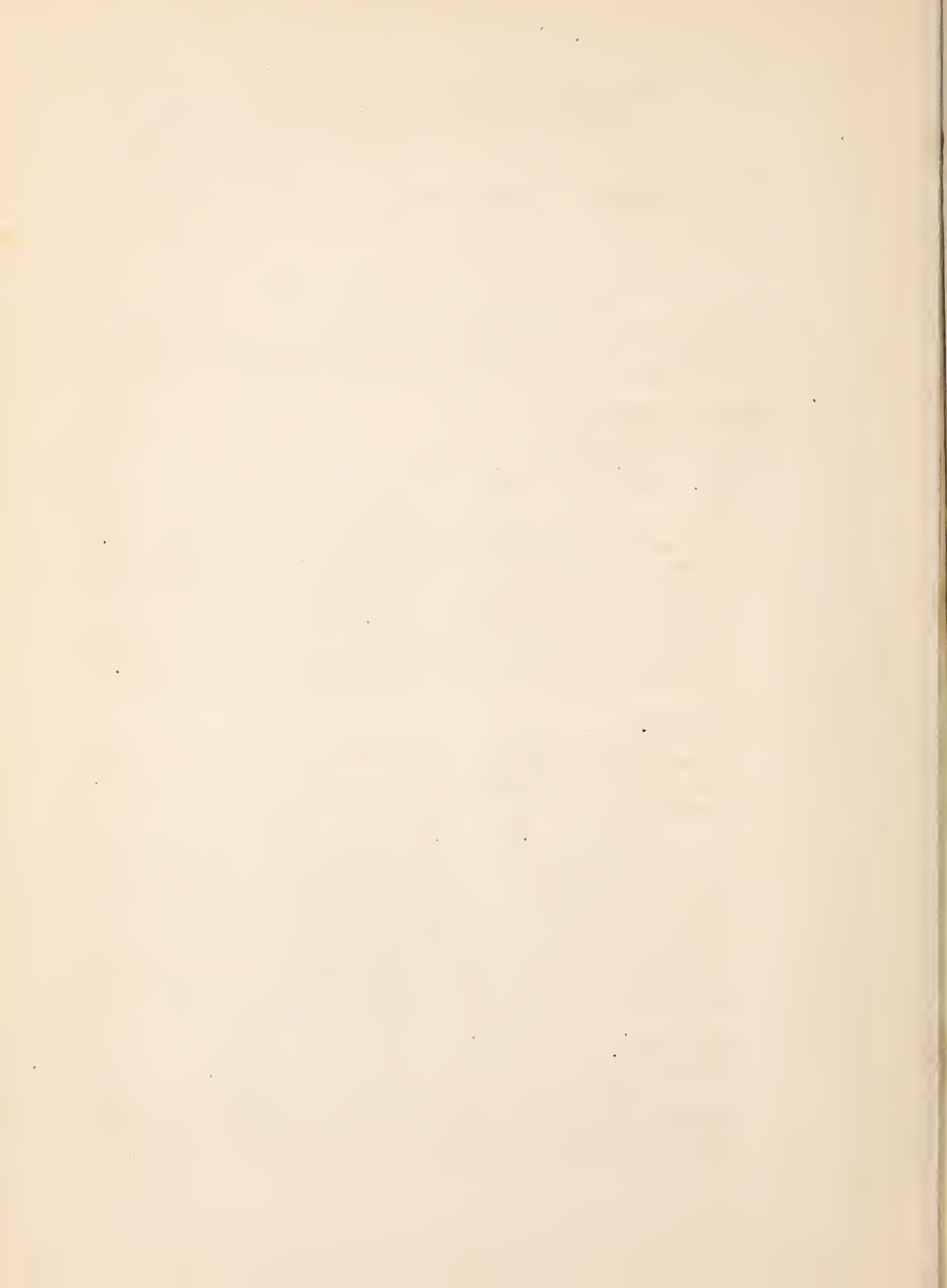
S. 3267. Mr. Brown (New Hampshire). To Committee on Commerce, January 17.

H.R. 8997. Mr. McCormack. To Committee on Flood Control, January 17.

To amend the Flood Control Act of 1936 (Public 736-74th Congress, U.S.C. Supp. III 33:701c) to except dam and reservoir projects from present requirements applicable to flood-control projects that states must agree in advance to furnish lands and rights-of-way, protect the United States from liability for damages, and maintain and operate the works. Federal funds are authorized to be expended for these purposes. The special provisions applicable to projects benefiting lands in other states is omitted.

H.R. 8994. Mr. Kitchen. To Flood Control Committee, January 17.

To authorize a preliminary survey and examination of Smackover Creek with a view toward flood control, and water, wildlife, and soil conservation, in accordance with the Mississippi Flood Control Act (approved March 1, 1917).



H.R. 8995. Mr. Kitchen. To Flood Control Committee, January 17.

To authorize a preliminary survey and examination of Bartholomew Bayou of Ashley and other counties in Arkansas with a view toward flood control, and water, wildlife and soil conservation, in accordance with the Mississippi Flood Control Act (approved March 1, 1917).

H.R. 9064. Mr. Harrington. To Committee on Flood Control, January 20.

To authorize a preliminary examination and survey of the Soldier River (Iowa) with a view toward flood control, water-flow retardation and soil erosion prevention. Such survey is to be made by the Secretaries of War and Agriculture in accordance with the Flood Control Act of 1936 (Public Law 738-74th Congress).

II. STATE LEGISLATION

AGRICULTURE

Mississippi. H.B. 82. Mr. Ford and Mr. Greenough. To Local and Private Committee, January 11.

To authorize Jackson County to purchase from the State, by payment of the accrued taxes, certain lands forfeited to the State for nonpayment of taxes: such lands to be used for agricultural experimental purposes, and remain subject to real property taxation.

South Carolina. H.B. 1477. Mr. Bailey. To Committee on Ways and Means, January 25.

To authorize the State Warehouse Commissioner to sell to farmers cotton seed for planting purposes.

LAND USE

Kentucky. H.P. 161. Mr. Ranson. To Committee on Agriculture, January 20.

To authorize the formation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This bill is similar to the Standard State Soil Conservation Act of the Department of Agriculture.

Virginia. S.B. 38. Messrs. Moses, Parker and Walter. To Committee on Agriculture, January 17.

To authorize the formation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This bill is similar to the Standard State Soil Conservation Act of the Department of Agriculture.



Virginia. H.B. 83.

To regulate outdoor advertising outside the limits of cities and towns. The Highway Commissioner shall administer the act and make all necessary rules and regulations. The Commissioner shall upon payment of annual fees grant licenses to qualified applicants for advertising signs.

PLANNING

Kentucky. H.B. 66 and H.B. 63. Mr. Moebus. Introduced January 11.

To enable cities of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth classes to create planning commissions empowered to plan for municipal development, including areas outside their boundaries which bear relation to municipal planning. These Commissions shall also act as zoning commissions(sec. 11). They shall have jurisdiction of and approve all subdivision plats on all lands within five miles of the municipal boundary lines. Regional Planning Commissions may be formed upon petition to the Governor and after hearings thereon.

Mississippi. H.B. 30. Mr. Ford. To Municipalities Committee, January 10.

To empower municipalities having a population of over 1500 to enact and enforce zoning ordinances.

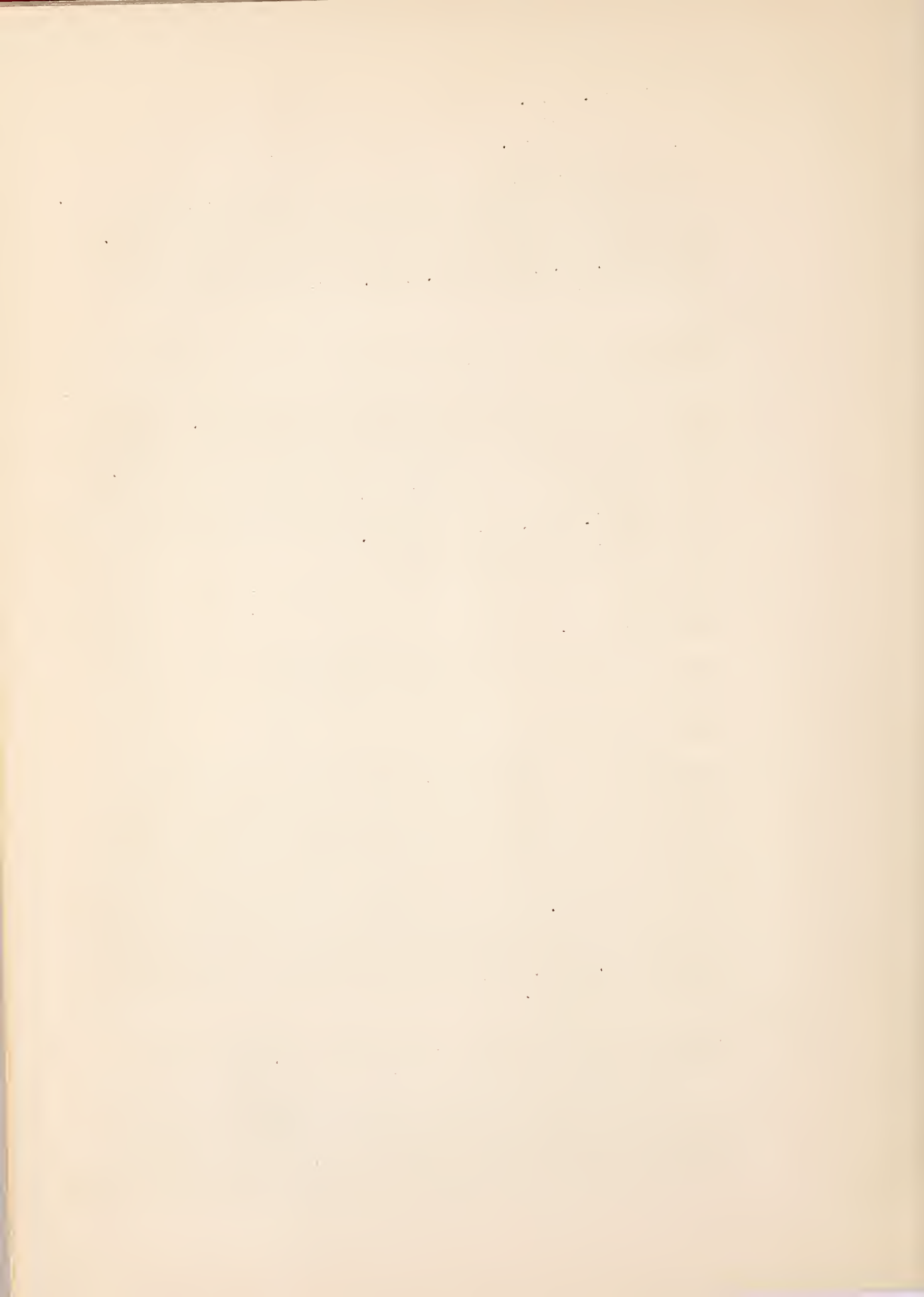
Virginia. H.B. 110. Mr. Moore. To Committee on General Laws, January 24.

To create a State Planning Board of twelve members appointed by the Governor. The Board shall collect and correlate information relating to the development of the state, and the conservation of its human and other natural resources. The Board shall also prepare a synopsis of the planning work already accomplished in the state including reports and plans of federal, state and local agencies. It shall advise with State departments to coordinate all development plans, make plans for a State land utilization program, encourage and aid in organizing local and regional planning boards, and cooperate with local, federal and other state planning agencies.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Massachusetts. S.B. 237. (Initiative) To Conservation Committee, January 7.

To create a commission to make studies relative to the development of parks, beaches, state forests, wildlife conservation and stream purification. The commission shall study the organization and functioning of the State Department of Conservation and the laws under which it operates. A report



with recommendations is to be submitted to the legislature by December 31, 1938.

Mississippi. H.B. 273. Mr. Fox. To Conservation Committee, January 21. S.B. 130. Mr. Lambright. To Conservation of National Resources Committee, January 13.

To authorize the State Forestry Commission to acquire, lease and dispose of land.

New Jersey. S.B. 53. Mr. Foran. To Appropriations Committee, January 24.

To appropriate \$50,000 for the use of the Board of Conservation and Development for the purpose of acquiring lands (Hunterdon County) contiguous to Voorhies State Park for forestry purposes.

REAL PROPERTY

Mississippi. H.B. 152. Messers. Leggett and Brown. To Judiciary Committee, January 13.

To grant relief from inequitable foreclosure of mortgages. Establishes a procedure in lieu of foreclosure whereby, for a period of two years, all or a reasonable part of the income or rental value, determined by the court, shall be paid toward upkeep, taxes, insurance, and interest on the mortgage, at times and in a manner fixed by the court. After the expiration of two years, if the principal and any past due interest, taxes, etc., have not been paid, a final order of sale may be made.

New York. H.B. 237. Mr. Schwartz. To Judiciary Committee, January 11.

To limit the rate of interest to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ upon the loan of money secured by mortgages on real property.

South Carolina. H.B. 1449. Mr. Odum. To Judiciary Committee, January 20.

"Contracts for the occupancy of premises and leases of land for agricultural purposes in this state and ordinarily terminating on December 21....shall be considered as terminated on the 15th day of said month....unless otherwise specifically expressed in writing....; provided, that the provisions of this act shall apply only to such contracts as are to be performed in whole, or in part, in the counties of Darlington and Florence".

TAXES

Kentucky. H.B. 204. Mr. Wells. Introduced January 25.

To levy an additional school tax of 30¢ on each \$100 assessed valuation on personal and real property, and 40¢



on all bank shares. The revenues from such taxes shall be prorated by the State Board of Education among the boards of education in the state.

Massachusetts. H.B. 1092. Mr. Tobin. To Taxation Committee, January 19.

To authorize cities and towns to permit the payment of current taxes in quarterly or monthly installments, provided that interest shall be paid on taxes remaining unpaid after November 1 according to existing law (Gen. Laws ch. 56, sec. 59).

Massachusetts. H.B. 1095. Mr. York. To Taxation Committee, January 19.

To prohibit the sale of land for taxes until the amount of the taxes, interest and intervening charges is equal to more than 50% of the assessed valuation of such land.

Massachusetts. H.B. 1424. (Initiative) To Committee on Taxation, January 24.

To amend the tax law (ch. 59, sec. 23, General Laws) to limit the taxes which may be levied by any city or town to \$32.00 per thousand.

Massachusetts. H.B. 1558. Mr. Wenzler. To Committee on Taxation, January 24.

No municipality or taxing authority shall, during the two succeeding years levy or assess any additional taxes based upon improvements, repairs, or additions to existing privately owned dwelling property. The cost of such exempted improvements, repairs, or additions may not exceed \$2,000, unless the fair cash value of the dwelling exceeds \$3,000.

Mississippi. H.B. 324. Mr. Little. To Ways and Means Committee, January 26.

The homestead of every resident head of a family shall be exempted, to the extent of \$1500 of assessed valuation, from State ad valorem, county, district, and municipal taxes.

Mississippi. H.C.Res. 9. Messrs. Divens and McCoy. To Rules Committee, January 12.

To create a joint legislative committee to study and report to the next session of the legislature as to the advisability of a homestead exemption law.

Mississippi. H.C.Res. 17. Mr. Tyrone. To Committee on Constitution, January 20.

To amend the constitution (Sec. 112) to exempt from taxation "homesteads of \$2500 or less".



Mississippi. S.C.R. 2. Mr. Harper. To Committee on Constitution, January 6.

To amend the constitution to provide "that the homestead of any resident of this state shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes; except for bonds and interest thereon on debts already incurred, or on refunded bonds and interest in lieu of bonds, and interest already incurred against said homestead".

Mississippi. S.B. 137. Mr. Burns. To Finance Committee, January 4.

To amend the General Laws (ch. 104, sec. 4, Laws of 1932) to reduce, from 7 to 5 mills, the maximum levy that may be imposed by the county for road and bridge purposes.

New Jersey. S.J.R. 1. Mr. Hendrickson. To Committee on Taxation, January 11.

To create a commission for the purpose of studying the problem of property tax delinquency and the laws relating thereto, and of formulating a comprehensive plan for the revision of the existing property tax laws.

New York. H.B. 617-602. Mr. Petersen. To Committee on Taxation, January 24.

To amend the tax law (Laws 1909, ch. 62, sec. 4, subdivision 5a) to exempt from taxation, to the extent of \$5,000 assessed valuation, homes of persons 65 years of age or over having owned and used the property as a home for 10 years.

South Carolina. H.B. 1453. Mr. Greer. To Ways and Means Committee, January 21.

To amend the constitution (art. 3, sec. 28) to increase, from \$1,000 to \$2,000, the tax exemption on homestead lands.

South Carolina. H.B. 1500. Mr. Graham. To Ways and Means Committee, January 26.

To amend the constitution (art. X, sec. 4) to exempt from taxation property (real property up to an assessed valuation of \$1,000, and personal property up to an assessed valuation of \$500) owned by persons of the age of 50 years or over.

South Carolina. S.B. 1058. Mr. Ward. To Finance Committee, January 20.

To amend the constitution (art. 11, sec. 6) to eliminate the "Three mill constitutional levy for schools".

